

## **Wiltshire Council**

### **Cabinet**

**12 September 2017**

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**Subject: Local Development Scheme Update**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Toby Sturgis - Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property**

**Key Decision: Yes**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Wiltshire Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) was first published in January 2009. Subsequent reviews were approved by Cabinet in November 2011, June 2012, January 2014 and January 2015 to maintain an up-to-date three year programme for the production of new Development Plan Documents (DPDs). A subsequent interim review was undertaken in December 2016 under delegated authority, as referred to in Councillors Briefing Note 310.

The interim review updated the LDS to reflect the changes in circumstance that had affected progress on the DPDs in the 2015 LDS. It was interim pending a significant review in 2017 which could respond to the findings of the joint assessment of development needs (Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Functional Economic Market Area Assessment) being undertaken with Swindon Borough Council. It was also to allow time once these reports were available to consider what form the review and roll forward of policies within the Wiltshire Core Strategy as well as the Swindon Local Plan should take. This was in recognition of known cross boundary issues and, in exercising the duty to cooperate, a better understanding of whether there should be a joint approach to planning. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Functional Economic Market Assessment for Swindon and Wiltshire are now in final draft form. Therefore, a review of the LDS is timely.

Having an up-to-date LDS is a statutory responsibility of the Council and is used to set out a clear timetable for the preparation of planning policy in Wiltshire that will provide certainty to local communities, investors, infrastructure providers and stakeholders.

## **Proposals**

### **That Cabinet:**

- (i) Approves the Local Development Scheme as set out at **Appendix 1**.
- (ii) Authorises the Associate Director for Economic Development and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property, to make minor amendments to the Local Development Scheme in the interests of clarity and accuracy before publishing it on the Council's website.
- (iii) Delegates authority to the Associate Director for Economic Development and Planning, in consultation with the Associate Director for Finance and Cabinet Members for 'Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property' and 'Finance' to undertake subsequent reviews and updates to the LDS with any significant modifications being referred to Cabinet as appropriate.
- (iv) Agrees that a strategy for emergency stopping places for Gypsies and Travellers should be undertaken as part of delivering the approved Wiltshire Traveller Strategy.

### **Reason for Proposal(s)**

Wiltshire Council is required to prepare and keep up to date a Local Development Scheme in line with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). Revisions to the Local Development Scheme (December 2016) are required in order to ensure it is up to date following adoption of the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan, publication of the submission draft of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan and completion of new evidence to support the review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Delegated authority will allow future updates to the LDS to be undertaken in a more expedient and effective manner.

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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek approval for a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Wiltshire to ensure it is up to date and sets out the Council's priorities for development plan document preparation in Wiltshire over the period 2017 to 2020.

### **Relevance to the Council's Business Plan**

2. The Business Plan 2017-2027 'Forward Thinking' seeks to create strong communities in Wiltshire. One of the four priorities, 'Growing the Economy', recognises the importance of job creation and improving housing supply to enable people to live and work locally. Delivering development where it is needed forms one of the goals of the Business Plan, which recognises that the Wiltshire Core Strategy will be reviewed to ensure it remains up to date.

### **Background**

3. The LDS is a three year rolling project plan for maintaining an up-to-date Local Plan for Wiltshire. It sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) prioritised for production by Wiltshire Council and a timetable for their delivery over a three year period. The LDS thereby commits Council resources to a programme of work and is a main means for the development industry, business, government and other public bodies to understand when they can engage in the preparation of development plans. It is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.
4. The LDS needs to be kept up to date. The Wiltshire LDS has, therefore, been up-dated at regular intervals to respond to the passage of time and changing circumstances. The last iteration of the LDS was published in December 2016 under officer delegated authority and Members were informed of the changes in Councillors Briefing Note 310 (December 2016). The December 2016 LDS reviewed the existing timetables for the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan, the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD and the Gypsy and Traveller DPD and were made to reflect the

changes in circumstance, including national policy, that had affected progress on these DPDs since the publication of the January 2015 LDS.

5. The December 2016 LDS was viewed as an interim LDS pending a full review in 2017, particularly in relation to the proposed Partial Review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The Council, as recognised in the 2015 and 2016 LDSs, has undertaken informal joint working with Swindon Borough Council to inform the need for a further review of core strategy policies particularly in relation to housing market areas and levels of growth to extend the plan periods of both authorities Plans. This has involved the preparation of a new joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and Functional Economic Market Area Assessment (FEMAA) for Wiltshire and Swindon. These assessments are now in final draft form.
6. While the Wiltshire Core Strategy was being prepared the National Planning Policy Framework was published which reintroduced the terminology of 'Local Plan' rather than 'Core Strategy'. This was not only a change in terminology but also a change on the general content of a local authority's district wide plan. To avoid confusion the title 'Wiltshire Core Strategy' was retained. However, it is considered appropriate to now adopt the new terminology as the review will bring into it the development management policies currently referred to as 'saved policies of the former District Councils' as well as other new policies, particularly with regard to town centres to be consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It is also the terminology now commonly used in other authorities.

### **Main Considerations for the Council**

7. The changes to the LDS are summarised as follows, with the full LDS including timelines and scope of documents set out in **Appendix 1**:
  - (i) Removal of a timetable for the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan, which is now adopted.
  - (ii) An updated timetable for the production of the Wiltshire Housing Sites Allocations DPD (incorporating settlement boundary review).
  - (iii) A new timetable and scope for a Wiltshire Local Plan DPD Review, which incorporates the previously proposed partial review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the Gypsy and Traveller DPD.
  - (iv) A review of the adopted Minerals and Waste DPDs to check consistency with the NPPF and identify the need for any additional policy development.
8. The LDS does not include a timetable for the preparation of neighbourhood plans as the timing and delivery of these are the responsibility of the 'qualifying bodies' which is generally the parish councils in Wiltshire. However, the LDS does provide a summary of those plans that have been made and now form part of the development plan and those that have progressed to at least the submission stage (submitted to Wiltshire Council for consultation and examination) at the time of writing (August 2017).

## **Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD**

9. The timetable has been amended to reflect the implications of delay that occurred because of the timing of the general election this year and the need for an extended period of consultation over the summer period. The scope of the plan is unchanged.

## **Gypsy and Traveller DPD**

10. The 2016 LDS includes a timetable for the preparation of a Gypsy and Traveller DPD which would review and roll forward the new pitch requirements currently included in Wiltshire Core Strategy (Core Policy 47) and identify new traveller sites to meet that requirement. The DPD would be informed by a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) providing information on the overall permanent and transit pitch requirements in the county and plots for travelling showpeople. The timetable for the production of this document envisaged a pre-submission consultation (Regulation 19) in December 2017 and final adoption in March 2019.
11. A GTAA was completed in December 2014 based on data collected that summer which provides recommendations for new pitch provision in each housing market area, as defined in the Wiltshire Core Strategy, for the period 2014 - 2029.
12. There is continuing delay with the production of this DPD due to the lack of available sites and the national policy change in the definition of 'Traveller' after the GTAA was completed. The change in definition will require a re-assessment of the accommodation needs of Travellers in Wiltshire. This was reported to Environmental Select Committee on 22 February 2017.
13. The LDS 2017 proposes incorporating the content of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD into the Wiltshire Local Plan Review process. The reasons for taking this approach are:
  - (i) Planning for the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers should be a component part of the local plan, as was the original intent of Core Policy 47 in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
  - (ii) The GTAA is for a time period to 2029 rather than 2036 and would require an immediate review and roll forward to align the policy with the revised Wiltshire Local Plan.
  - (iii) The GTAA is based on the housing market areas for Wiltshire, as defined in the Wiltshire Core Strategy, which could become confusing as revised housing market areas become the common monitoring basis (see below).
  - (iv) New data is needed to respond to the changed definition of 'Traveller' in national policy and there is an opportunity to gather that data in co-operation with Swindon Borough Council as part of

the Wiltshire Local Plan Review process to recognise the cross boundary relationships that exist.

14. The most pressing concern in relation to the provision of accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers is the need for temporary accommodation as travellers cross the County. Such encampments often involve Highways Enforcement and the police and create poor public relations. In order to move forward positively in relation to this issue it is proposed that the work that has already taken place (as part of the DPD preparation) to develop a network of emergency stopping places, in response to the recommendations in the GTAA, is carried forward through the Reference Group set up to deliver the Wiltshire Traveller Strategy. Progress with the Wiltshire Traveller Strategy is to be considered by the Environment Select Committee of 19 September 2017.

### **Partial Review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy**

15. The 2016 LDS included a partial review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy which involved a review of the saved 2011 local plan policies not replaced by the Core Strategy and the inclusion of policies to positively plan for town centres in Wiltshire in accordance with the NPPF.
16. It also envisaged, as a separate exercise, joint working with Swindon Borough Council to inform the review and roll forward of the housing and employment requirements for each area. The near completion of the SHMA and FEMAA now provides the opportunity to develop joint working with Swindon Borough Council with a clear understanding of the current housing and employment relationships between the two authorities.
17. The draft SHMA and FEMAA were reported to the Swindon and Wiltshire Joint Strategic Economic Committee (JSEC) on 28 June 2017. This followed the JSEC meeting on 14 February 2017 that considered the options for plan making in the light of the emerging findings of the SHMA and FEMAA, which is discussed further below. As resolved by JSEC on 28 February the final documents are to be considered by both authorities' Cabinets before publication and appear as a separate item under Part II of this Agenda. Swindon Borough Council is considering the documents at their meeting of 6 September 2017.
18. It is proposed that the 'Partial Review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy' becomes the 'Wiltshire Local Plan Review' to include the original intent of the partial review and the review and roll forward of housing and employment requirements.
19. The draft SHMA and FEMAA propose new Strategic Housing Market Areas (based around Chippenham, Salisbury, Swindon and Trowbridge) and new Functional Economic Market Areas (FEMA) (based around Swindon/M4 corridor, A350 and A303). Officers from Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council have been working together to develop an approach to joint working using the proposed new housing market areas and functional economic areas as a basis. A clear understanding of how

joint working will be delivered is fundamental to achieving a clear and deliverable timetable for the review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

20. A Joint Working Group has been set up to discuss and progress work informing the review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy (and Swindon Local Plan). This comprises three Cabinet members from each authority and senior officers and has reported through JSEC including the meetings referred to above. JSEC and the Joint Working Group have endorsed the approach to plan preparation proposed through the LDS, which is discussed further below.
21. For the current (adopted) plans, joint working was undertaken on a more informal basis, which culminated in agreement in statements of common ground between the two authorities. However, given the functional geographies identified in the draft joint SHMA and FEMAA, particularly the Swindon Housing Market Area (HMA) and Swindon/M4 Corridor FEMA a different approach is required to ensure a sound basis for plan making.
22. Drawing on practice elsewhere in England, three principal options have been considered to inform the LDS review:
  - (i) A comprehensive single formal joint statutory plan. This could either cover all of Swindon and Wiltshire or be prepared at a Swindon HMA scale.
  - (ii) A formal joint strategic statutory plan with underlying separate local plans. The strategic plan could cover housing and employment numbers, their apportionment and the broad spatial distribution of development, strategic development locations, and strategic infrastructure. This in effect would be a two part development plan similar to the old Structure Plan/District Local Plan format.
  - (iii) Aligned but separate local plans for each authority, informed by a joint evidence base and a non-statutory 'joint framework' covering matters similar to a joint strategic plan which both authorities are 'signed' up to.
23. The proposed LDS 2017 includes a timeline associated with the third option outlined above that is to pursue separate but aligned plans alongside a joint non-statutory framework. This is proposed as the most effective and proportionate option for Wiltshire and Swindon for the following reasons:
  - (i) It facilitates streamlined reviews of the recently adopted development plans, allowing a 'light touch' approach to reviewing development management policies as appropriate for each authority.
  - (ii) It provides a means to move forward relatively quickly with the plan reviews following publication of the SHMA and FEMAA and to ensure a five year housing land supply.

- (iii) It enables each authority to pursue its own plan informed by the non-statutory framework.
  - (iv) It avoids the lengthy two-stage plan-making process that a joint strategic statutory plan would necessitate including separate examinations in public for the strategic and local plans.
  - (v) It avoids the complexity of seeking to bring forward a comprehensive new joint statutory plan for Swindon and Wiltshire.
  - (vi) It provides strong evidence of meeting the legal and policy tests with regard to cooperation, and could act as a platform from which to align land-use and infrastructure planning across the SWLEP area which should assist when bidding for funding or attracting investment.
24. An essential component of effective collaborative working between the two authorities under this model would be the development and agreement of a joint non-statutory spatial framework which sets the broad spatial approach to the quantum and location of development and supporting infrastructure, informed by a shared evidence base, with decisions over detailed site allocations to be made through the authorities' individual plan reviews. A clear benefit of joint working is to ensure that Swindon meets its growth requirements and that Wiltshire can maintain and safeguard the five year housing land supply in northern Wiltshire. A proposal for how that joint working could work is provided at **Appendix 2**.
25. The proposed scope for the Wiltshire Local Plan review included in the LDS 2017, combining the intentions of the former Wiltshire Core Strategy partial review is, therefore:

#### ***PROPOSED SCOPE OF WILTSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW***

*The purpose of the review of the adopted Local Plan will be to assess the future levels of need for new homes (including market, affordable and specialist housing and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation) and employment land over the period 2016-2036 and to provide an appropriate basis for housing, employment land and infrastructure provision over that period.*

*It will involve considering if the existing adopted development strategy remains relevant, identifying new site allocations relating to housing and employment together with supporting services and infrastructure.*

*The review will also include:*

- *Some updating of existing Wiltshire Core Strategy development management policies to ensure their continued consistency with national policy;*



- *the introduction of additional development management policies in response to the review of the saved development management policies not replaced by the Wiltshire Core Strategy; and*
- *developing additional locally distinctive policies to plan positively for all town centres in Wiltshire consistent with national policy*

*It will not be the purpose of the review to change or remove strategic objectives or policies that remain in accordance with national policy and support the delivery of sustainable development.*

### **Minerals and Waste DPDs**

26. Government's Planning Practice Guidance advises that most local plans are likely to require updating in whole or in part at least every 5 years. Accordingly, a gap analysis will be undertaken in 2017/2018 of the existing adopted minerals and waste policies taking into consideration the requirements of the NPPF, to identify whether the policies need to be amended or replaced. This exercise will also review the evidence base. If it is considered necessary to programme a review, this can be introduced into the next update of the LDS.

### **Overview and Scrutiny Engagement**

27. Overview and scrutiny engagement has taken place in relation to monitoring the progress of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. Progress with the Wiltshire Traveller Strategy is to be considered by the Environment Select Committee of 19 September 2017.
28. Following a meeting with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Chair of the Environment Select Committee a councillor briefing note will be issued on the Local Development Scheme in advance of it coming to this Cabinet, and a more detailed briefing provided after.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

29. There are no safeguarding implications arising from the proposal

### **Public Health Implications**

30. Planning for sustainable development to meet the employment, housing and infrastructure needs of communities helps foster their wellbeing. Well planned development, including appropriate infrastructure, supports health and well-being of local communities, for example through the provision of green infrastructure and infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling as means of travel.

### **Procurement Implications**

31. The LDS is a process document and therefore has no direct procurement implications. However, in agreeing to the timetable for the production of the Local Plan review there will be procurement implications to gather appropriate evidence to support the development of the plan. For example

officers are in the process of procuring further information on the provision of employment land across the county in the form of a Wiltshire Employment Land and Workspace Review. Other evidence needs are discussed further under financial implications.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

32. The purpose of maintaining an up to date LDS is to make sure local planning policy is kept up-to-date so that growth and development in the County is positively managed. The public consultation processes and community involvement embedded in plan preparation in accordance with the Wiltshire Statement of Community Involvement ensures that everyone has an opportunity to inform the preparation of each DPD included in the LDS.
33. In line with Regulations, when DPDs are submitted to the Secretary of State for examination they must be accompanied by an Equality Impact Assessment.

### **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

34. The DPDs included within the LDS relate to the development and use of land and have implications for the physical, economic, and social environment of Wiltshire. Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment, will be undertaken as part of their preparation to ensure that negative environmental impacts are avoided, and policies and proposals deliver development in a sustainable manner.
35. The process of plan making incorporating Sustainability Appraisal will take into consideration both the current position and predicted future considerations in relation to the local environment, for example, in relation flood risk and future traffic growth.

### **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken**

36. It is important that Wiltshire continues to maintain up-to-date policy to ensure that plan-led growth, that best meets the needs of Wiltshire, can be delivered. Failing to do so would increase the risk that growth would occur piecemeal, with speculative development taking place rather than as planned.
37. The NPPF introduces the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' and states that where plans are out of date, silent or indeterminate, then permission should be granted. In addition, it requires a five year land supply to be maintained and sufficient housing land to be identified. The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan is being prepared to specifically boost housing supply in the county in line with adopted policy and maintain a rolling 5 year supply of homes to 2026. Beginning work now on the review and roll forward of housing and employment requirements in Wiltshire to 2036 should ensure this supply of housing is

maintained beyond 2026, reducing the risk of non plan led development in the longer term.

38. The former district Local Plans were only originally intended to be in place until 2011 but many policies have in effect been rolled forward until they are replaced by consistent policy across Wiltshire. The Wiltshire Local Plan Review will complete the review of all saved policies and ensure consistency of planning policy across Wiltshire. The review will also enable local plan policies that have been affected by new government guidance, for example climate change and affordable housing policies, to be updated in line with the latest national policy removing the risk of inconsistency and confusion.

### **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks**

39. The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan has recently been published for consultation. It includes housing proposals to deliver the housing requirements established through the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Identifying new land for development is always controversial and there has been considerable reaction to the publication of this document.
40. The LDS is proposing to review and roll forward the Wiltshire Core Strategy housing requirements as part of the Wiltshire Local Plan Review to 2036. This will require additional land to be identified for development. The relationship between the two documents could be confusing and may lead to reputational risks to the Council from members of the public who are concerned about the approach to sound planning in the county. This could be particularly acute in parts of the County already perceived to be under pressure for too much housing, for example in Trowbridge and west of Swindon.
41. These risks will be managed through clear and timely communications both within and outside the organisation. This should explain the process of plan making, the drivers for moving forward and the opportunities to support local communities through a plan led process compared to speculative applications.

### **Financial Implications**

42. Reducing the programme of work in the LDS to the preparation of 2 documents will save costs as previously each of the DPDs would need to be subject to the examination process and would require separate evidence bases. However, the LDS includes a challenging timescale and is dependent on sufficient resources being available to ensure timely delivery of sound plans based on robust and credible evidence. The financial implications of the preparation, consultation, examination and adoption of each plan will need to be addressed to ensure their timely and effective delivery.
43. The existing 2017/2018 budget for the Economic Development and Planning Service will meet financial implications of carrying out both the

pre-submission consultation on the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan and the regulation 18 consultation proposed Autumn 2017 for the Wiltshire Local Plan Review. New evidence will be required to support both evolving plans in the later part of 2017/18 and in the financial years 2018/19 to 2019/20.

44. **Appendix 3** lists the additional new or updated evidence that is likely to be required involving the commissioning of work from external sources due to the technical expertise required or internal resourcing. Economies of scales suggest some of this could be jointly commissioned with Swindon Borough Council, but this will be decided on a project by project basis. Other evidence will likely be prepared using 'in-house' resources of the Councils, for example, the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment. Improving capacity through additional staffing could allow for more evidence to be prepared 'in-house' reducing the need to procure consultants. Initial estimates suggest a rolling budget of £500,000 per year may be required.
45. Adoption of both plans will help bring forward new sites for housing, thereby enabling the Council to benefit from revenue and capital associated with the delivery of new homes including contributing to the Council's Council Tax base.
46. The proposal to develop a strategy for Emergency Stopping Places for Gypsy and Travellers moving through the county as part of the Wiltshire Traveller Strategy may result in additional costs to acquire sites, secure planning permission and provide infrastructure on site. These costs will be developed further as part of the emerging strategy.

### **Legal Implications**

47. In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to prepare planning policy, which has been reinforced through the National Planning Policy Framework and the Localism Act.
48. In accordance with legislation, LDSs must be prepared and Inspector's examining plans will consider whether a plan has been prepared in line with the current LDS.
49. Section 110 of the Localism Act introduces a 'Duty to Cooperate' in relation to planning for sustainable development (as a new section 33A into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). This requires Wiltshire Council to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise planning on strategic cross boundary issues. In effect, for Wiltshire Council, this means in preparing its development plan documents, the Council must co-operate with:
  - Neighbouring Local Planning Authorities and County Councils
  - Other local planning authorities and county councils where sustainable development or use of land would have a significant

impact on at least two local planning areas or on a planning matter that falls within the remit of a county council, or on other strategic issues such as infrastructure which may have an impact; and

- The prescribed bodies defined in part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which include: Environment Agency; Historic England; Natural England; Highways England; Civil Aviation Authority; Homes & Communities Agency; NHS England; Office of Rail Regulation

50. The Council's obligations under the 'duty to cooperate' have informed the review of the LDS and in particular the proposal for joint working with Swindon Borough Council. The Housing White Paper in 2017 places greater emphasis on the duty to cooperate across boundaries and the need for wider strategic thinking. The proposal in the LDS responds to the direction set by the White Paper.
51. The timelines set out within this report are consistent with the Council's constitution and legislative requirements for developing the identified DPDs to adoption and in particular appropriate involvement of Cabinet and Council at key milestones, particularly Submission to the Secretary of State and Adoption of the DPDs.

### **Options Considered**

52. The options open to the Council are limited as Wiltshire Council is required to maintain an up-to-date LDS. The options considered by officers have related to the best way to achieve that. For example there was an option to continue to pursue a separate Gypsy and Traveller DPD in parallel with the Wiltshire Local Plan Review. Also explained above are the options considered to fulfil the Council's responsibilities in relation to the duty to cooperate once the initial findings of the SHMA and FEMAA indicated strategic cross boundary issues with Swindon. The programme of work proposed in the LDS is considered to present the most appropriate balance in order to:
- Fulfil the authorities duty to cooperate;
  - Maintain a 5 year housing land supply as required by national policy;
  - Avoid confusion in relation to delivery timescales; and
  - Avoid 'consultation fatigue' and disengagement by the public.

### **Next steps**

53. Subject to Cabinet's consideration of the proposed LDS 2017, the next steps are to consider further:
- (i) In collaboration with Swindon Borough Council, the scope and content of the proposed Wiltshire Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation Autumn 2017, programmed to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting in October.

- (ii) The extent, cost and timing of new evidence needed to support both the Wiltshire Local Plan Review and Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan.
- (iii) The method and process for delivering a strategy for emergency stopping places in Wiltshire as part of the Wiltshire Traveller Strategy.

## **Conclusion**

54. The LDS sets out a programme to maintain an up-to-date and effective development plan for Wiltshire. Not to do so would significantly compromise the Council's ability to meet local needs and aspirations in the form of sustainable development through plan led development. It also sets out a framework for joint working with Swindon Borough Council to deliver plan led development for the north east of the County in an open and transparent process.

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## **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Wiltshire Local Development Scheme 2017-2020

Appendix 2: Proposed Process Diagram for Joint Working with Swindon Borough Council

Appendix 3: Evidence likely to require work commissioned from third party organisations in relation to the Wiltshire Local Plan Review.

Appendix 4: List of Acronyms

## **Background Papers**

None